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SUBJECT:INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, COST-SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979

REFS: A. STATE 123101, 22 JUNE 73

B. USNATO 5131, 25 OCT 73

BEGIN SUMMARY. THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 6 NOV 73. SIGNIFICANT WAS STATEMENT OF UNITED KINGDOM POSITION FAVORING IAU 300 MILLION FOR NEXT SLICE GROUP, WITH NO COMMENT, EITHER FAROVABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, REGARDING A POSSIBLE EDIP. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND A SLICE XXV PROGRAM IN THE GERENRAL MAGNITUDE OF IAU 55-60 MILLION, SOME NATIONS BELIEVE THAT A DECISION ON THE SIZE OF THIS SLICE SHOULD BE MADE IN LIGHT OF THE MAXIMUM PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES FOR SLICE GROUP XXVI-XXX.

2. IN A DRAFT REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO THE DPC
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(AC/4-WP/505 REVISED, 8 NOV 73), STATEMENT IS MADE:

QTE THE DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE TO DATE (ALTHOUGH NOT BINDING OR FINAL) WOULD INDICATE THAT THE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM LEVEL FOR THE NEXT COST SHARING PERIOD RANGE FROM A LOW

IAU 290 MILLION TO A HIGH OF IAU 600 MILLION. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A CHANGE IN COST SHARING PERCENTAGE IS REQUIRED IS DEPENDENT UPON THE INCLUSION OR ANOTHER EDIP PROGRAM SINCE THE US, WHO IS DESIROUS OF REDUCING ITS COST SHARING PERCENTAGE, WOULD AGREE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT PERCENTAGE FOR THE REGULAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROVIDED A NEW EDIP PROGRAM, IN SIZE PROPORTIONAL TO THE CURRENT PROGRAM (I.E., 150 EDIP - 300 REGULAR), IS ADOPTED. IF A NEW EDIP PROGRAM IS NOT ADOPTED, THE US WOULD PRESS FOR THE COST SHARING PERCENTAGE TO BE REDUCED TO THAT OBTAINED WHEN THE PRESENT EDIP PROGRAM IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITH THE PRESENT REGULAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. UNQUOTE.

3. THE UK PROPOSES IAU 300 MILLION FOR THE NEXT SLICE GROUP. THE UK REP STATED THIS AMOUNT WAS WITH THE PROVISION, QTE THAT THE UK WOULD PAY NO MORE THAN ON THE BASIS OF ITS PRESENT COST SHARE. ALSO, THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF A LARGER CONTRIBUTION EITHER ON THE BASIS OF A LARGER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM OR ON THE BASIS OF COST SHARING. AS FAR AS THE UK IS CONCERNED, THERE IS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SIZE OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR OWN OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FRONT LINE FORCES UNQTE.

COMMENT: THIS CONTRASTS WITH LORD CARRINGTON'S STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON FAVORABLE TO A SIZEABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. IT IMPAIRS OUR CHANCES TO ESTABLISH NEW CATEGORIES FOR STATIONED FORCES AND TO REDUCE US COST SHARE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

4. US POSITION AT NEXT MEETING WILL CONTINUE CONSISTENT WITH REF A.
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